

KANEMORADO ITEMS.

We are again at home after an absence of fifty-three days (nearly eight weeks) during which time we were engaged in the most successful meetings we ever attended. This meeting was held at Portis, Osborn Co., Kansas, a small town of about one hundred and fifty inhabitants situated on the Solomon river. We found an organization of thirty members here;—fourteen living in the vicinity where meeting was held. Elder D. O. Brumbaugh having the care of the church, assisted by brother John Walters. There is also an organization of the G. B. Brethren here with two ministers. There is but one church house in the town; it is owned by the Methodists; our brethren tried to get their house for our series of meetings, but they kept us out, by running their meeting longer than they had intended, in opposition to ours; but as we began on Wednesday evening, they had to close on Sunday evening.

Our meetings were held in a hall that had been used for preaching services, beginning on Dec. 19, and closing Feb. 5, with thirty-seven applicants. We immersed five times in the Solomon river, Jan. 7, four; Jan. 10, seven; Jan. 18, nine; Jan. 22, three.

We then commenced a meeting six miles north, leaving our work at town for two weeks which was a mistake as far as immediate results were concerned, but we were just there long enough to awaken an interest, and we believe seed was sown that will be gathered in the near future. One young man came forward at this meeting. We then came back to Portis and held a communion service with these young converts and old soldiers of the cross. This was a feast long to be remembered by all. There were fifty communed; we also baptized three during the day, making twenty-six immersed; also five received by relation from the G. B. church, and six not yet immersed. Altogether we held sixty-one services, preaching nine sermons on select subjects; getting our congregation interested; then we preached ten sermons, giving our reasons "why we are members of the Brethren church; in other words a series of doctrinal sermons: 1. The Church and its Creed. 2. Faith. 3. Repentance. 4. Baptism. 5. Trine Immersion. 6. The Forward act in Baptism. 7. The Design of Baptism. 8. Feetwashing as a Church Ordinance. 9. The Lord's Supper—is not the Communion. 10. The thief on the Cross. On Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, we preached our farewell sermon and took our departure for home. During these meetings we organized a Sunday-school using the Brethren literature. Also a

King's Children society, with thirty-seven members. And while there were so many gave their hearts to God during these meetings, yet they were closed amidst the greatest interest and many who were "almost persuaded" are yet counting the cost, but we believe e'er long will be numbered with the children of God. There are nine business houses in the town, and not a member of their families was connected with the Brethren church; but during these meetings we received nine members from these families; having received from every firm's family except three, giving the Brethren prestige above all others.

The work is not done; but many others will be soon gathered into the fold. We have in the Portis church some very earnest, zealous Christians who are earnestly engaged in the work of their blessed Master.

Elder D. O. Brumbaugh, who has lived here about twenty years is highly spoken of by all who know him, and has been loudly preaching by his every day life. His entire family including sons-in-laws and daughters-in-law number sixteen and all are members of the church but two, which speaks very loud as regards his influence. His oldest son living six miles from Portis, attended every one of the sixty-one services. A son-in-law living seven and one half miles away only missed three or four meetings. Such attendance will make a meeting a success by the assistance of God's Holy Spirit.

Our dear sisters showed their appreciation of our labors among them by presenting us with a very fancy worked crazy quilt, for which they have our heartiest thanks. We tried to offer our thanks to them in a short speech, but the starting of the "unbidden tear" told more than words could express. And we shall ever remember the kindness and respect shown us during our labors among them. May God's blessing rest upon them, and keep them from the evil one. Brethren be faithful, be earnest, be devoted, be watchful, be prayerful and don't forget, nor neglect "the hour alone with God" and the crown is yours in the paradise of God.

Feb. 13.

J. R. KELLER.

FROM MOUNT UNION.

Rev. J. H. Swihart closed a series of very interesting meetings with twelve accessions. He leaves a favorable impression on the community in general, appealing to the people's reason and intellect, rather than resorting to excitement and almost physical force—qualities held at a premium by some of our neighboring denominations.

J. D. WEAVER.

Goshen, Ind., Feb. 6.

COLLEGE CANVASS.

I should have made this report sooner, but business and other causes interfered. I would like to write out a detailed statement of my observations and experience, but I suppose our editor would not like to give the space in his paper. Suffice to say I visited the North Manchester, Warsaw, Claypool, Roann, Enterprise and Mexico churches in Indiana, and Milledgeville and Lanark in Illinois. These churches are all in a prosperous condition. I found many kind friends and met with a welcome reception. All seem favorable to Ashland College and wish it success.

On account of the failure in crops and hard times, I did not succeed in getting very much for the college; but if times get better, many will do something in the future. While we are thankful for the substantial aid we have received, we cannot refrain from mentioning one sister, who is not rich either, who gave me, unsolicited, a donation to Ashland College, of twenty-five dollars. May God bless all such noble sisters. I wish we had many more such. Ashland College debt would soon be paid, and a liberal endowment beside. I noticed in a paper that John Rockafeller, of Cleveland, made a New Year's gift to some college in Chicago of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. O how I wish some kind brother or sister or friend would make Ashland University a donation.

May God bless all the dear brethren and sisters whom I met, and whose hospitalities I shared. I returned home to Ashland and found all well.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

North Manchester, College, \$1.55; Warsaw, College, \$1.25; Roann, College, \$1.68; Mexico, College, \$2.95; Milledgeville, College, \$11.75; Lanark, College, \$10.00; Mr. Puterbaugh, \$2.00; Mary Blough, \$2.00; Wiser Blough, \$2.00; Abe Brand, \$20.00; Frank Keim \$1.00; Eli Keim, \$1.00; Wm. D. Keim, \$.50; Levi Keim, \$1.00; B. M. Bowman, \$1.00; sister Belle Baird, \$1.00; H. I. Bowman, \$5.00; Nathan Aldredge, \$10.00; Hezekiah Tombaugh, \$10.00; Owen Switzer, \$25.00; Monro Jones, \$15.00; Barbara E. Mans, \$25.00; Josiah Mans, \$10.00; Ellen Gnagey, \$25.00; Levi Lichty, \$50.00; C. Rowland, \$50.00; Henry Walker, \$50.00; Total \$338.68; Traveling expenses \$17.36; Net amount, \$321.32.

JOSIAH KEIM, Solicitor.

NOTHING is more expensive than penuriousness; nothing more anxious than carelessness; and every duty which is bidden to wait returns with seven fresh duties at its back.—Charles Kingsley.